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1. HERewith FULL TEXT OF LEWIS H. DIUGUID BY-LINER TITLED  
"CONGRESS CUTS URUGUAY AID; RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ARE CITED"  
FROM THE WASHINGTON POST MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.
2. CONGRESSIONAL CONFEREES, CITING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS  
BY THE MILITARY-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY, HAVE FOR  
THE FIRST TIME VOTED TO CUT OFF U.S. MILITARY AID TO THE  
SMALL SOUTH AMERICAN NATION.
3. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, CONGRESS HAS PASSED SEVERAL  
AMENDMENTS LIMITING AID TO COUNTRIES CONSISTENTLY VIOLATING  
HUMAN RIGHTS BUT THE ONLY OTHER COUNTRY SPECIFICALLY BARRED  
FROM MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS CHILE.
4. HOUSE AND SENATE CONFEREES AGREED LAST WEDNESDAY TO  
RETAIN THE CUTOFF SPONSORED BY REP. EDWARD I. KOCH (D-N.Y.)  
IN THE FOREIGN MILITARY AID AUTHORIZATION BILL DESPITE STATE  
DEPARTMENT EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM.

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5. DURING HEARINGS OF A HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HEWSON RYAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TORTURE OR PRISONERS HAS OCCURRED IN URUGUAY.

6. BUT RYAN SAID URUGUAY'S GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT THE PRACTICE AND HE WENT ON TO CITE A U.S. "TREATY-LIKE OBLIGATION" TO PROVIDE MILITARY AID.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DONALD M. FRASER (D-MINN.), A LEADER OF CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN-RIGHTS ADVOCATES, PERSISTED IN QUESTIONING THE POINT UNTIL RYAN ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WAS NO SUCH OBLIGATION.

8. RYAN ALSO CONTENDED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND NO MEANS OF DEFINING "A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS"--THE LANGUAGE USED BY CONGRESS TO LIMIT AID TO VIOLATORS.

9. SHORTLY AFTER RYAN'S TESTIMONY HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SECOND-RANKING POST IN LATIN AFFAIRS TO BECOME ITS SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE U.S.-MEXICAN BORDER. HE HAS DENIED THAT THE TRANSFER WAS RELATED TO THE TESTIMONY ON URUGUAY.

10. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR TO START OCT. 1, THE ADMINISTRATION HAD PROPOSED MILITARY AID TO URUGUAY TOTALING \$2.5 MILLION IN ARMS CREDITS AND \$500,000 FOR TRAINING. IT ARGUED THAT A CUTOFF "WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN STRENGTHENING THE HANDS OF HARDLINERS AMONG THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY AND PREVENTING LIBERALIZATION."

11. KOCH SAID THAT "SINCE THE MILITARY ACTUALLY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SYSTEMATIC REPRESSION, OUR PROVISION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE...FOR 'INTERNAL SECURITY' PURPOSES MAKES US ACCOMPLICES IN THE REPRESSION."

12. URUGUAY, LIKE CHILE WAS KNOWN FOR ITS BROAD FREEDOMS UNDER DEMOCRATIC RULE UNTIL THE MILITARY INTERVENED IN  
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13. KOCH CITED REPORTS BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER RIGHTS GROUPS THAT URUGUAY HAS THE WORLD'S HIGHEST PROPORTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SAID HE HOPES THE U.S. AID CUTOFF WOULD HALT THE VIOLATIONS. "BUT EVEN IF THAT DOES NOT RESULT, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MILITARY DESPOTISM

WHERE THE UNITED STATES HAS NO NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS  
AT STAKE."

14. FINAL ACTION ON THE MILITARY AID BILL IS EXPECTED THIS  
WEEK. (END TEXT) ROBINSON

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